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1. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO REACH MARY VALENTINO, USPS, (OR ANYONE WHO CAN ACT IN HER STEAD) BY TELEPHONE TO SUGGEST THAT SHE HANDCARRY THE 30 X 40 INCH ENLARGEMENT OF IWY STAMP TO MEXICO CITY RATHER THAN RELY ON AIR MAIL (AIR POUCH?) TO GET IT HERE IN TIME FOR JUNE 20 UNVEILING. IF USE OF INTERNATIONAL AIR MAIL CONTEMPLATED, WE CANNOT AVOID LENGTHY CUSTOMS CLEARANCE PROCESS; USE OF AIR POUCH IS MORE RELIABLE, BUT DELAYS CAN AND FREQUENTLY DO OCCUR. SIMILARLY, IF ILLUMINATED PANELS ARE NOT SHIPPED BY AIR FREIGHT UNTIL JUNE 16 (AS REPORTED REFTEL), THERE IS ONLY SLIM CHANCE THAT THEY WILL ARRIVE MEXICO, CLEAR CUSTOMS AND BE READY FOR DISPLAY BEFORE WCIWY TERMINATES.

2. REQUEST DEPARTMENT ADVISE USPS OUR CONCERN AND PASS ON SUGGESTION THAT VALENTINO PERSONALLY DELIVER STAMP ENLARGEMENT. SECOND EXHIBIT SHOULD BE SHIPPED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND SPECIAL EXPEDITED HANDLING SHOULD BE SOUGHT FROM FREIGHT FORWARDER AND AIR CARRIER. EMBASSY MUST RPT MUST HAVE AIR WAYBILL NUMBER AND EXACT SHIPPING INFO IN ORDER TO LOCATE AND CLEAR EXHIBIT. THESE SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO EMBASSY GSO GIBLESPIE BY TELEPHONE AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

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